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CHICAGO RIVALS N. Y. AS MECCA FOR NEGROES

WASHINGTON, August 19.—Characterizing that section of New York City, known as Harlem as "The World's Largest Negro City," the "Negro's World Capital," the "Negro Zion," and as the "Mecca for all Negroes who seek opportunity with a capital 'D,'" a versatile writer, Mr. Chester T. Crowell, presents a very fair and interesting sociological story in a recent issue of "The Saturday Evening Post" concerning that much talked of community ~~in~~ city within a city. A careful analysis of the facts, however, seems to indicate that Harlem is a Mecca only for colored people in the Atlantic Seaboard states, the West Indies and in our outlying possessions. People from these places, in addition to the native New Yorkers, constitute 92 per cent of the colored population in the "Negro's Zion."

Out in the great Middle West, on the shore of Lake Michigan, is another "Mecca," but not a Zion. Including Alabama, which is not on the Atlantic Seaboard, the states that have contributed more than 50 per cent to the colored population of Chicago are located in the Mississippi Valley and west of Pennsylvania in the North and Georgia in the South. Chicago is called our "Industrial Mecca," and because our group there supports two large banks with two millions on deposit, several successful life insurance companies, our biggest newspaper plant and numerous other thriving business enterprises, the Chicago colored citizens make the claim that they lead all other so-called "Meccas" in productive industry, in business and in finance.

In fact, they boldly assert that the dwellers in Harlem "The World's Largest Negro City" do not get the proper mileage out of their gas and that a "Mecca" without a banking institution, or a Judge, is a joke.